5. Besides, the Central Vigilance Commission has been vested powers vide para 3(v) of Department of Personnel and Training Resolution No. 371/20/99-AVD. III dated 4th April, 1999 to exercise superintendence over the vigilance administration. The Commission has issued several instructions to reduce the scope of corruption such as creating a culture of honesty greater transparency in administration, electronics clearance system and comupterisation of banks, sensitising the public etc. The Central Vigilance Commission has also issued Special Chapters on vigilance management in public sector banks and public sector undertakings.

Amendments in Constitution for welfare of SCs / STs

2379. SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to bring up a legislation to amend the Constitution of India not only for effective implementation of the policy of reservations for scheduled Castes / Tribes in regard to appointments and posts including promotion opportunities but also to provides for punishment for non-implementations and adopting obstructive measures in implementation thereof; and

(b) if so, by when such legislation would be brought up; and

(c) whether such a law is also proposed to be placed under the Ninth Schedule of the Constitution?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING, DEPARTMENT OF PENSION AND PENSIONERS' WELFARE OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHRA RAJE): (a) No such decision has been taken as on date.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

Confiscation of properties of corrupt people

2380. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to news-item titled Corruption has to be nipped in the bud appearing in Times of India dated 7th Februrary, 2000;